EARTHQUAKES

A Teacher's Package for K-6

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Foreword to the Second Edition

The original *Earthquakes - A Teacher's Package for K-6* (FEMA 159) was developed as a joint effort of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) under contract with FEMA. NSTA's project team produced an excellent product. Since its publication in 1988, over 50,000 teachers have requested copies.

This revised version brought members of the original project team together with a group of teachers who had used the materials extensively in their classroom and served as teacher-educators at FEMA's Tremor Troop workshops. About 75% of the original material remains unchanged: a few activities were removed and a few added.

A major change was the addition of assessments throughout the units. The examples we provide relate to life outside the classroom and/or activities similar to those of scientists. We also added matrices linking activities to the National Science Education Standards. You'll find these matrices in the Appendix, along with a new Glossary.

Features of This Package

First of all, you do not need an education in science to use this package. Background for each unit covers all the science concepts treated in the lessons. You will have all the information you need, no matter what grade you teach and what kind of science preparation you've had. This is science made simple and fun, without sacrificing scientific accuracy.

Because young students learn best by doing, the lessons in this teaching package are primarily a series of handson experiences. You will need to locate simple materials for some of the lessons. Others require only things that are already in your classroom. At the end of each unit, you will find Masters ready to reproduce for transparencies, handouts, and worksheets. Masters are identified in the text by name and number.

Because students learn holistically, the lessons include methods and materials from language arts, mathematics, social studies, music, and the other fine arts, as well as physical science. Learning Links, found near the beginning of each set of activities, summarize some of these interdisciplinary connections. We also provided Scope and Sequence charts at the beginning of each unit.

Extensions, provided in each set of activities, suggest ways for your students to learn more about the topics. Use the Extensions for individual enrichment or to provide additional experiences for the entire class. Each set of activities also includes vocabulary, teaching tips, and illustrations. Matrices linking activities to the National Science Education Standards are located in the Appendix.

Organization and Overview

The Teacher's Package has five units. Each of the first four units is divided into three levels: Level 1, for grades K-2; Level 2, for grades 3-4; and Level 3, for grades 5-6. Since classes and individuals vary widely you may often find the procedures in the other levels helpful for your students. The last unit has four parts with activities for students in all grades, K-6.

Unit I, Defining an Earthquake, builds on what students already know about earthquakes to establish a working definition of the phenomenon. Legends from near and far encourage children to create their own fanciful explanations, paving the way for the scientific explanations they will begin to learn in this unit.

Unit II, Why and Where Earthquakes Occur, presents the modern scientific understanding of the Earth's structure and composition, and relates this to the cause of earthquakes.

Unit III, Physical Results of Earthquakes, provides greater understanding of the processes that shape our active Earth. Earthquakes are put in the context of the large- and small-scale changes that are constantly at work on the continents as well as the ocean floor.

Unit IV, Measuring Earthquakes, explains earthquakes in terms of wave movement and introduces students to the far-ranging effects of earthquakes.

Unit V, Earthquake Safety and Survival, focuses on what to expect during an earthquake; how to cope safely; how to identify earthquake hazards; and how to reduce, eliminate, or avoid them.

Units I through V are intended to be used in the order presented. When students ask questions about earthquake safety, the introduction in Unit V will help you answer their questions. You may want to take time then to do a few activities to enable students to develop quake-safe skills.

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